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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOOZMAN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

October 5, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN BOOZMAN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 20, 2004, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord, in a culture that prefers the ease of "either-or" thinking and "absolutes" sneak into everyday conversations, we need Your stable presence, Lord, to understand our own limitations and accept the differences of others.

Unless we are versed in holding onto the mystery in everyday living, life can be boring or filled with just too many contradictions.

Sometimes when we face the end of a term, the autumn of another year, we do look beyond the surface of daily events.

Slowly in the diminishing sunlight the shadows reveal the inner meaning of what has been really happening and what we do truly relish in what has been.

The autumnal events of life can still bear fruit, yet at another time, in another place, or in another person.

The job lost can lead to a work that needs to be done.

The problem unsolved can lead to more insightful questions.

And the self once lost in a crazy routine can be found again and live forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DELAURO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE GLOBAL TEST IS A MISERABLE FAILURE

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Senator KERRY says that our Nation must pass a global test before engaging in military action to protect ourselves. I wonder who gets to administer the test.

Certainly, Mr. KERRY would ask France and Germany for their opinions. Others would probably add Great Britain, Russia, China, and Japan to that list. Most certainly the U.N. and its member states would have a say where our military goes and why.

Unfortunately, the American people would not in a global test. Mr. KERRY would probably ignore a group of Iraqi women who were here in Washington recently. They said the question is not why we removed Saddam Hussein from power, but what took us so long.

An American President is accountable not to the world in how he protects this Nation, but to the American people who rely on him to act to protect them. Other countries should not be able to have veto power over our sovereignty.

Senator KERRY's global test is a miserable failure of a policy idea.

IN NOVEMBER, AMERICANS HAVE A CHANCE TO TRADE GEORGE BUSH

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, it may surprise many of my colleagues to hear

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